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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF CLIMATE IN SWAZILAND TOWARDS  
UNITED STATES

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1. SWAZILAND'S MEDIA PAID VERY LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE FINAL BATTLES IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. SWAZILAND'S SINGLE NEWSPAPER, A WEEKLY, DISCUSSED THE TRAGEDY IN HUMAN TERMS, WARNING THAT WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BRING ABOUT THE SAME KIND OF HUMAN SUFFERING IN THIS REGION THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE HAD TO ENDURE. SWAZILAND BROADCASTING SERVICE UTILIZED B.B.C. STORIES ON THE LAST DAYS OF PHNOM PENH AND SAIGON.

2. POST HAS NOT PERCEIVED THAT THE FALL OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS DELIBERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE UNITED STATES' IMAGE IN SWAZILAND. WE ARE STILL LOOKED TO AS A SOURCE FOR DEVELOPMENT AID AND AS A FORCE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. THE ISSUES OF DETENTE AND UNITED STATES DEFENSE COMMITMENTS ARE NOT OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE SWAZIS.

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HOWEVER, SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS, WHICH CIRCULATE WIDELY

IN SWAZILAND, HAVE CHIDED THE UNITED STATES FOR "LOSING"  
INDOCHINA AND HAVE QUESTIONED THE DIRECTION OF AMERICAN  
FOREIGN POLICY.

4. IN CONCLUSION, THE SWAZIS' PERCEPTION OF THE UNITED  
STATES AND ITS ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS NOT BEEN  
SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.  
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